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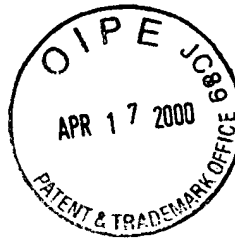
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For: **DEVICE AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING IMAGE MODIFICATION
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In order to comply with 37 CFR 1.197 and 1.98, attached hereto is a copy of Form PTO-1449 and copies of the documents listed thereon. These documents contain information which the Examiner should consider during examination of the present application.

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The references listed in the accompanying PTO Form 1449 were identified in an International Search Report in the PCT application to which the present U.S. National Phase patent application claims priority. A copy of the search report is provided. Each reference listed on the PTO Form 1449 is in a foreign language, however, the requirements pursuant to 37 CFR 1.96 for a concise explanation of the relevancy of each foreign reference have been satisfied. In particular, the search report satisfies the concise explanation requirement in that it provides the degree of relevance of each non-English reference.

In addition, the references not enumerated in the Search Report were additionally cited by the German Patent Office.

The reference (13) was discussed in the specification.

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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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